

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 3rd December 2018

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary): Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA; Jenna Irvine JI; Donna Matheson DM,

Highland Council: There was none.

Members of Public: Magnus Henderson, Charles Allsop, and Ms Ciorstaidh Couston Energiekontor UK LTD.

1/ Apologies: Raymond Bremner (HC), Fiona Donn, Michelle Johnston (NHS)

2/**NB** welcomed Ciorstaidh Couston to talk about the proposed Dunbeath Wind Farm she informed the meeting that a application for the erection of a Anemometer Mast has submitted to the Highland Council Planning, and a scoping application will be submitted in the new year. She hoped to submit a planning application for the erection of wind turbines late next year, she could not commit to how many turbines or how high they would be until the initial surveys had been completed.

3/ Minutes of meeting 5th November 2018 was circulated and proposed by Jenna Irvine seconded by Bryan Macleod.

4/ **Financial Statement, as of 03-12-2018**

Current Account Balance	£42.26
Income During the Month	£0.00
Expenditure during month	£0.00
Balance	£42.26
Development Account Balance	£4,337.97
Expenditure during month	£0.00
AOC Archaeology	£4,800.00
Income During the Month	
Highland Council Loan	£10,000.00
Bowl Broch	£2,630.00
Bowl Youth Group	£1,000.00
Balance	£13,167.97
which Micro Grant money	
of which Flower Planters money	<u>£2,500.00</u>
of which Broch money	£6,030.00
Youth Group	£1,000.00
Balance	£3,637.97
Village Warden Account Balance	£313.95
Expenditure During Month	£0.00
Income During the Month	£0.00
Balance	£313.95
Total Assets	£3,994.18
Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund	05/04/18
Opening Balance	£5097.25

Expenditure	£1.939.66
Balance	£3.210.44

5/Carried from previous meeting: Financial; **NB** presented Draft Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2018, after an explanation to members they were accepted awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate to be signed. (on going)

6/ Caithness Community Partnership - No representative or report **RB** state there is to be a meeting in Pentland Hotel in November to discuss progress.

7/Police Report; No representative attended the meeting, no report submitted.

8/Matters Arising; **RB** stated that he had brought up the Achorn Bridge with Mr Mackenzie from the roads department with a view to get it repaired no work has been undertaken to date. Site checked by JG 2nd October. (on going)

9/ John O Groats trail nothing to report.

10/ Phone Box John Irvine to get spare parts to complete Box. Latest news is he the spare parts hopefully will see it in place next year. Seems the trust would like to shift the agreed site. (on going)

11/ Dunbeath Broch – **NB** stated that he had organised a £10,000 loan from the Highland Council until the Grants come in, he also stated that most of the work had been completed on the Broch and that the only site work left to do is the plinth for the interpretation panel and the top installed on the stone seat at Heritage Centre. (on going)

12/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Latest news is that the tenders are supposed to be sent to Transport Scotland this month, Start date will depend on how successful the tenders are and plans to start the work with bird nesting season and other requirements.

13/ Bowl Micro Grants; One application from Dunbeath Christmas Lights.

14/ Old Police House; word on the street it has been let.

15/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, Councillor Raymond Bremner made some excuses as the council was short of staff and there were other priorities, it was pointed out to **RB** the contractor that was doing the work should have been made to complete the work to a satisfactory standard.

16/ Flower Planters and Tubs; **JG** stated that he has submitted a funding application to Tesco Bags and heard nothing. Application just about ready to be submitted to Bowl for £6000.00

17/ Community Council Funding; Carried over from previous meetings, a discussion with **RB** about this problem matter to be brought up at Association of Community Councils (on going)

18/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, (Culvid) item already discussed in item 2

19/ Future Plans; **NB** suggested that the C/C and the Development Trust meet and discuss a way forward as time is moving on.

20/ Carried on from previous meetings: **JG** passed around a letter he received from Highland Council Area Planning about the Renovation of Derelict Property at Market Hill Dunbeath explaining his staff had visited the site and requested a Planning Application. (on going) **RB** requested a update from Area Planning Manager Dyfydd Jones on what is happening as work is progressing no further progress. (on going)

21/ Moray West: **NB** Stated that some of the members along with other members from Caithness communities had a meeting on 26 November in the Portland Arms Hotel in Lybster with Mr Roger McMichael Stakeholder Manager and Jamie Grant Development Manager various members questioned these managers what benefit the county was to benefit from these extra wind turbines desecrating the skyline with flashing lights at night, the answer was Nothing as all of the Harbour work was going to Fraserburgh. .They appeared to want the meeting to get us to persuade the councillors to say yes in the planning committee stage.

22/ Bowl **NB** stated that there was a conflict on multi applications to do with a Science Seminar applying for funding across all groups.

A.O.C.B, Magnus Henderson Congratulated the Christmas Lights Group for having such a nice display of lights.

JG stated he had brought up the Development Contributions Supplementary Guidance with **RB** on the phone prior to the meeting he was to find out more information and report.

NB read out a invitation from the Caithness Bus Users Group to hold a meeting on 4th of December 2018 in the Norseman Hotel Wick, members thought it was a stupid time of day to hold such a meeting as most parents would be working.

23/ Date of Next Meeting: 7th January 2019

24/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon- Magnus Henderson said he had MSP Jamie Stone on the case as the MOD seem to be dragging their feet.

25/ Micro Grant Applications; An application from Dunbeath Christmas Lights for £250.00 to assist with screening and painting the container. FA and JG retired from the meeting as they are on that group, Members discussed the application and deferred any decision until the next meeting because the application was not submitted timeously..